

the definition of "any governmental entity"?

Mr. DOLE. Yes, that is the intent.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Are any other offices headed by a person with final authority to appoint, hire, discharge, and set the terms, conditions, or privileges of employment of an employee of the House of Representatives or the Senate covered by the definition of "any governmental entity"?

Mr. DOLE. Yes, that is correct.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Finally, are the Capitol Guide Board, the Capitol Police Board, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, and the Office of the Attending Physician also included in the definition of "any governmental entity"?

Mr. DOLE. Yes. The intent of the term "any governmental entity" is to cover every level of government—in effect, Federal State, or local government; and, to cover every branch of government—in effect, executive, legislative, judicial, or administrative.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I thank the leader for this clarification.

I would not want Congress to pass a law with such far-reaching effects without the requirements applying equally to Members as well.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:39 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House had passed the bill (S. 895) to amend the Small Business Act to reduce the level of participation by the Small Business Administration in certain loans guaranteed by the Administration, and for other purposes, with amendments; that it insists upon its amendments and asks a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mrs. MEYERS of Kansas, Mr. TORKILDSEN, Mr. LONGLEY, Mr. LAFALCE, and Mr. POSHARD as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1412. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Imported Vehicle Safety Compliance Act for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1413. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 for calendar year 1992; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1414. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Land Withdrawal Act

for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1415. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Land and Minerals Management), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of royalty management and delinquent account collection activities during fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1416. A communication from the Administrator of the Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual energy review for calendar year 1994; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1417. A communication from the Assistant Comptroller General of the Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office, transmitting, a report entitled "The Department of Energy: A Framework for Restructuring DOE and Its Missions", to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1418. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on voluntary supply commitment efforts; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1419. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Energy Efficiency Commercialization Ventures Program Plan; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1420. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the status of technologies for combining coal with other materials; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1421. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the period April 1 through June 30, 1995; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1422. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report for the Demonstration and Commercial Application of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Technologies Program; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Appropriations, with amendments:

H.R. 2099. A bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 104-140).

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1235. A bill to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide supplemental crop disaster assistance under certain circumstances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BRYAN, Mr.

SANTORUM, Mr. KYL, Mr. BUMPERS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1236. A bill to establish a commission to advise the President on proposals for national commemorative events; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. THURMOND):

S. 1237. A bill to amend certain provisions of law relating to child pornography, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1238. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide greater flexibility and choice under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. FORD, and Mr. HOLLINGS):

S. 1239. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the regulation of interstate transportation by common carriers engaged in civil aviation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. PELL):

S. Res. 171. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the second anniversary of the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### STATEMENTS OF INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. COCHRAN:

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THE FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE ACT  
AMENDMENT ACT OF 1995

● Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, over the last 2 months cotton crops in many counties in Mississippi have suffered severe damage due to unusually high insect infestations. It is estimated that over 160,000 acres of cotton have been damaged amounting to a loss of over \$100 million. This devastation has not only struck Mississippi, but Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Georgia as well. Early estimates provided by the National Cotton Council, State extension services, and State departments of agriculture show approximately 1.6 million acres affected all together with over \$700 million losses to farmers.

Cotton farmers have spent large amounts of money trying to control these infestations. Many in my State will not even harvest their crops because of the extensive damage. Many will have crop yields so low that they will not even be able to recover their production costs.